

THE VANDERBILT TOMB.

A GRANITE MAUSOLEUM BUILT TO LAST THROUGH THE AGES.

One of the most beautiful structures of its kind in the world is the Vanderbilt Mausoleum, in the old Moravian Cemetery, back of New Dorp, Staten Island, is not only the most imposing tomb in this country, but one of the most massive and solid structures of its kind in the world. The



highest and most beautifully located ground in the cemetery is that upon which the mausoleum stands. A pretty little hill, covered with a thick growth of oak, beech, maple, gum, elm, and chestnut trees thirty or forty feet high, was chosen as the site, and ground was broken here for the structure on Dec. 18, 1884. From that time until the work has been completed, the Vanderbilt Mausoleum has been the subject of constant attention, and the architect, T. E. Butler, who has so far realized the plans of the architect, R. H. Hunt, that the tomb itself may now be said to be almost complete. The centre of the hill was dug away to a depth of thirty-nine feet below the apex, and the earth excavated was used to extend the plateau before the tomb. From the plateau the view is at present what it is on three sides, but toward the east a beautiful, peaceful, and picturesque scene is presented of home-steads at the base of the little hills, meadow lands beyond, and in the distance the low, wooded hills of the city, with a long line of smoke from a passing steamer.

The mausoleum is in the domical Romanesque style that is found in the department of Orange, in France. The material of its exterior is Quincy (Mass.) granite, such as the

Astor House and Custom House are constructed of. It is a very hard stone, difficult to carve, and so dark in color that the light falls strongly upon it. Its ornamentation by chiseled design is little effective. But detail in ornament is not desirable here; it would instead detract from the grandeur of the structure. The effect produced by the bold, strong lines of the general design.

The front is a low wall, rising from the grade line to the apex of the dome, and 50 feet wide, with deep, heavy buttresses retaining walls that spring out from the base of the dome and rise by a short ornamental column at the beginning of each level until at their junction with the dome they are contained an altitude of 22 feet. Only the front and 20 feet back, with the granite lanterns that encircle the dome, are visible from the distance. The height of the dome from the grade line, on a level of 50 feet, is 100 feet.

A great part of the tomb is made up of slabs of granite in square panels in front. There are three rows of slabs, each row being 10 feet high and 10 feet wide. The slabs are fitted with double bronze gates, of which each slab is 2 feet 2 inches wide by 10 feet 2 inches high, and all the slabs are set in a granite frame. The slabs are set in a granite frame, and the granite frame is set in a granite frame.

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